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"THE SOLDIER"—MORMON BATTALION MONUMENT

Gilbert Riswold, Sculptor

Utah State Capitol Grounds, Salt Lake City, Utah

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## WITHIN THESE CADENCES

(The drafting of the Constitution of the United States was completed one hundred sixty years ago this September.)

*Alice Morrey Bailey*

These are simple words that all may read—  
A land's majestic law, a free man's creed  
Supreme in power and liberty, distilled  
From patriot's blood that flowed at York, and spilled  
At Brandywine. The warning hoofs yet beat  
On Concord's roads; still sounds the fiery heat  
Of orators within these cadences.

Here God-given rights, the premises  
Of man, are prime—his right of speech  
And worship, to assemble, to impeach.  
None is slave, and none of titled note,  
He stands secure in ownership. In secret vote  
His is the right of choice, and he may rise  
Above his lot in birth by enterprise.

His laws of life and trade are just and fair,  
Bound in this document of answered prayer.  
The sovereign states are one beneath its arch;  
Behind these deathless words, the people march.